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Peter and Mary,

I'm finishing up my comments on Connecticut's draft Water Quality Standards revisions. I'm particularly interested in any concerns you might have about the DO criteria for SA and SB waters. The new criteria are consistent with EPA guidance, but do represent a loosening of the standards from that which CT currently has. In addition CT would be replacing tiered DO criteria (currently 6 mg/l for SA waters and 5 mg/l for SB waters) with the same criteria (3.0 mg/l to 4.8 mg/l) for SA and SB waters.

I will be out at a meeting all day tomorrow, but in all day on Monday.

Thanks

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Hello All -

If you are not already aware, Connecticut is conducting a triennial review of their water quality standards and has issued draft revisions for public review. The link below is to Connecticut's website that contains the draft revisions as well as technical support documents. I understand additional technical support documents will be posted this week. The public comment period ends on February 15th, although this deadline may be extended. The the draft revisions include the following changes:

- revised narrative nutrient criteria
- new temperature criteria
- revised dissolved oxygen criteria
- revised and expanded chemical constituents criteria
- revised antidegradation language and new implementation policy
- new narrative biocondition gradient standards
- changes in allowable discharges to Class A waters

EPA is currently reviewing the draft revisions and will be submitting comments in writing. If you submit comments, please send me a copy to that we can make sure that your concerns are considered in EPA's review of the final submittal from CT DEP. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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